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UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
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The Unified Communications Center (“UCC”) is a city-wide project that will be the future home of the Government of the District of Columbia’s Fire/Emergency Medical Services 911, Metropolitan Police Department 911/311, Mayor’s City-Wide Call Center (727-1000) , Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Operations Center and the City-Wide Technology/Communication Center.

PROJECT UPDATE

Design

- 100% completion March 2003

Construction

- BP2 (clearing, grading & site utilities) awarded 3/25/03
- BP2 work commenced 3/27/03
- 65% LSDBE participation (Goldin & Stafford & James Taylor)
- Fly Ash removal commenced April 2003 (as projected)
- Expect BP3 bid process to begin in next 2 months
- Current project completion date is 4th Quarter 2004

Approvals/Agreements

- Site permit was obtained in February 2003
- Building permit submitted to DCRA in February 2003
- Building permit approval expected in June 2003
- Commission of Fine Arts approval in April 2003

LSDBE PROJECT PARTICIPATION

Monthly Status

BP1	100%	LSDBE	(Actual)
District PM Team	75%	LSDBE	(Actual)
BP2	65%	LSDBE	(Actual)

Special Thanks to . . .

“GARY BURKE” FOOD SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Special thanks to Gary Burke, for his continued support of the UCC Project. As the owner and proprietor of “Meals On Wheels” or what has become affectionately referred to as the “Roach Coach”, Gary provides one of the project’s most indispensable services. He is the proud father of one son (Gary, Jr.) that will be attending college on a basketball scholarship in the fall. With his million dollar smile, Gary brings meals to the project site twice daily (breakfast and lunch). His silver and red truck are always a welcomed site and the friendly toot of his horn signals the team that “chow is ready”. Rain or shine, Gary provides a wide variety of items to satisfy those in need of a hearty meal or a junk food fix.

HIGHLIGHTS

FLY ASH REMOVAL

Fly ash removal commenced in April 2003. Clark Construction has taken necessary steps to ensure all soil handling specifications and procedures are followed. Schnabel Engineering is providing the soil analysis and to date, all air monitoring readings continue to read below minimal levels. Truck routes have been designed to be the most direct in order to reduce/avoid unnecessary vehicle traffic in the neighboring communities. The fly ash removal effort is on target to be completed by the end of May.

SAFETY

A variety of safety features have been deployed on site that may have been noticed by Ward 8 residents. A flagman has been posted at the site entrance to allow for safe vehicle entry and exits into oncoming traffic. General construction signs and notices have been posted. Additionally, the local Metropolitan Police Department has conducted random speed traps along Martin Luther King Boulevard in an effort to reduce vehicle speeds.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

THE UCC project has registered with DOES to be a worksite host agency for this year’s summer youth employment program entitled “Passport To Work”. The UCC Project has requested three high school students to be assigned to our location for 5 weeks this summer. Look for more details in next months newsletter about this exciting opportunity.

MILESTONE STATUS

START DESIGN	Apr 2001
START CONSTRUCTION	Oct 2002
COMPLETE DESIGN	Mar 2003
COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION	Winter 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2003

- ☐ 31st – Office of Planning – St. Elizabeths Future Planning Workshop

Jul 2003

- ☐ 7th - Summer Youth Employment Begins

CONTACT INFORMATION

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UCC Rendering

ANC UPDATE

The UCC Project Team met with Mary Cuthbert, ANC 8C Chairperson, in early May to provide a detailed project status update for the community. It was agreed by all, that the establishment of a standing monthly meeting (held during 1st week of the month) would be an effective method of increasing and improving communication with ANC 8A, 8B, 8C and the community. Many thanks to Mary Cuthbert for her continued support of this project and strong advocacy for the citizens of Ward 8.

OFFICE OF PLANNING UPDATE

The Office of Planning will hold the 3rd in a series of four public planning workshops on the future of St. Elizabeths. The workshops are facilitated by a team of professional planners, architects, landscape architects and community members. Discussions will include the visions and goals for redeveloping St. Elizabeths, potential challenges and Opportunities, along with development scenarios that meet community and citywide needs. For additional info on this project, please visit www.planning.dc.gov or www.stelizabethsplan.org

PHOTO COLLECTION

Recent Site Activity

A variety of construction activities associated with BP2 have taken place over the past few months. The photos below are captioned for your convenience.

CLEARING & GRUBBING OF SITE



EXCAVATION @ NORTH END OF SITE



INSTALLATION OF STORM SEWER @ PARKING LOT



TRENCH FOR UTILITY INSTALLATION



The Unified Communications Project

A major city investment east of the river, contributing to public safety, economic development and neighborhood revitalization



-Anthony A. Williams, Mayor